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Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Dick:

As you know, the relationships between our agencies have matured rather informally over the past on the basis of personal relationships between our senior officials. With the departure of Bob Seamans from full-time government service, we have been examining our patterns of organization and assignment of responsibilities within NASA with the goal of assuring us the kind of flexibility and responsiveness to change that characterizes the space program itself.

One of the concepts we have implemented is the grouping of those functions dealing largely with NASA's external relationships under the leadership of our Associate Deputy Administrator, Willis H. Shapley. As part of this assignment he will be guiding and supervising the staff offices responsible for public, congressional, international, and interagency matters. I have also asked him together with General Smart, Assistant Administrator for DOD and Interagency Affairs, to accept responsibility for those areas of sensitive security policy that interface with our programs. In this capacity, Mr. Shapley is discharging for NASA the same functions as would the Senior Intelligence Officer of a military department, for while NASA is not represented by membership on the USIB, we are working within both the TALENT and [] systems.

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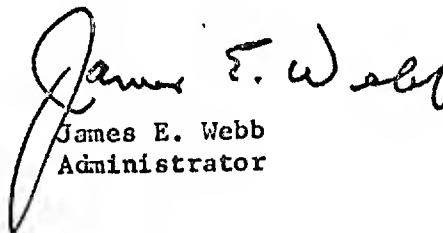
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Within NASA, Mr. Shapley is the senior official responsible for maintaining an overview of our operating relationships with your Agency, and he will be acting for our top management in these matters. I trust that this arrangement is satisfactory to you and that we can continue and improve our effective partnership of the past.

Sincerely,



James E. Webb
Administrator

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